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The city will host a champions' parade for the Taney Dragons starting at 20th and Market streets at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. The parade will go down Market, around City Hall and down Broad to Citizens Bank Park where they will be honored at Wednesday night's Phillies game.

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What's trending online at Metro.us

1. 'Peter Sellars talks Chuck Berry and winning the Polar Music Prize'
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Trial begins in the rape and kidnapping of girl

West Philly. Trial began Monday for a woman accused of kidnapping a child from a school and torturing her for 19 hours.

The 5-year-old girl on surveillance footage entering Bryant Elementary around 8:40 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2013, was wearing a puffy winter coat with a hood and dark pants with a white stripe down the leg. She had a pink backpack.

About 10 minutes later, the same camera shows her leaving with a woman in a Muslim burka, who holds an umbrella over the girl's head.

At trial on Monday, prosecutors said that woman was Christina Regusters, now 21 and charged with rape and kidnapping. They say she kept the girl captive at her home on the 6200 block of Walton Avenue while sexually abusing her.

"Everything was just going according to our normal morning routine," testified Reginald Littlejohn, the substitute kindergarten teacher who allowed the child to be taken out of his classroom that morning.

"She was kind, sweet, cooperative — very good," he said of the girl's personality.

When Regusters entered classroom 103, identified herself as the girl's mother and asked for her to go, Littlejohn didn't realize anything was amiss.

Regusters had already allegedly passed the sign-in desk at the school's entrance after writing a scrunched, illegible signature.

Lisa Jones, the attendant at the desk, testified she did not know it was School District policy to ask adults for photo ID before allowing them to sign kids out.

When a daycare provider came to pick up the girl at 3:30 p.m. and found her missing, she phoned the girl's aunt. At that point, the school was notified that the girl had gone missing.

"It just got crazy," testified school assistant Andrina Wright. "Different phones were ringing, someone said the cops were coming in."

The victim, now 7, was found a day later in a playground wearing an adult T-shirt.

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Visit **Metro.us** for more witness testimony from Reguster's trial.

Quoted

"It was a chaotic atmosphere. No one really knew what was going on, they just knew a young lady was missing. They were all pointing fingers at each other."

Floyd Jackson, first police officer to respond to the school

Vicious crime

The victim was reportedly blindfolded during the 19-hour ordeal.

- Regusters allegedly raped the child with an object and threatened her that a bird would peck her eyes out if she made noise.
- She also told the girl that a man was abusing her, but prosecutors say Regusters was the sole rapist.

Getting ready to be Made in America

Workers on Monday build the stage infrastructure on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway ahead of this weekend's Made in America concert where Kanye West, The National, Kings of Leon and Tiesto will headline. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

West Chester. Lorenzo and Sons to expand

Joe Pulizzi, owner of infamous pizza joint Lorenzo & Sons on South Street, said he is planing to open a second location in West Chester, reports WestChesterDish.com. But at this spot, you can order more than just pizza.

Pulizzi wants to rehab the Sprazzo building at the corner of High and Gay streets and also plans to offer stromboli, calzones, cheesesteaks, sandwiches and more.

Lorenzo's now only serves plain slices with the opportunity for limited toppings once a week. Cash is king in South Philly.

The new location — set to open later this year — will appeal to the college student population. "Lorenzo's is the type of pizza place that depends on foot traffic and the college crowds, and this was just perfect," Pulizzi told WestChesterDish. METRO

Moving forward

In June of 2012, Lorenzo's on South Street caught fire and was closed for almost a year. It reopened in April 2013.

Cape May Court House

Helicopter crashes, one injured

A helicopter used primarily for mosquito dusting crashed Monday morning in a field in Cape May Court House, reports

said.

The helicopter was en route to spray the area when it crashed in the Boyd Street Athletic field. While the pilot wasn't injured, a county worker riding in the helicopter did suffer nonlife-threatening injuries. METRO

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Beyonce's charity makes a Philly stop

A charity started by superstar Beyonce called #BeyGOOD is teaming up with STATE Bags' Give Back Pack campaign and making six stops in the country to give away backpacks and school supplies for the school year.

The tour makes its stop in Philadelphia on Wednesday at the Shane Victorino Boys & Girls Club at 4001 N. Clarissa St. in Nicetown. METRO

One of the bags / PROVIDED

Mantua hopes art will help rebuild the neighborhood

Southwest Philly. The Morton School mural is expected to be done by the end of the month.

Ben Volta stands in front of his unfinished "Micro to Macro" mural. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Residents of Mantua pass by the McMichael Morton School and find Ben Volta and seventh graders painting a mural on the building's facade.

They holler: "I love it!" Then they add: "What is it?"

The mural features a glove, DNA strands, atoms and neurons overlapping.

"It's not immediately recognizable," said Volta, the resident artist.

The 12,000-square-foot mural, titled "Micro to Macro," is being installed on the Fairmount Avenue school's facade and rear of the building.

The goal, Volta said, is to use the art to bring vibrancy and energy to the school, which was built in the 1960s and "felt very much like a fortress."

"I think things begin with education," he said. "And having this as a beacon, having these bright colors, the content on the walls, it can have a ripple effect on the rest of the community."

Volta worked with seventh grade math and science classes on the design. The kids researched aspects of the universe; they got out protractors and rulers and helped incorporate the themes.

Mantua, Powelton and West Powelton are Southwest neighborhoods filled with dilapidated buildings and a severe lack of business and vibrancy.

Volta said the art can become a conduit to reinvigorate confidence.

"The idea," Volta said, "is how do we have these kids come to school and see how Mantua fits into the universe? So it's really who you are in relation to the world and not being stuck on a block."

Quoted

"Hopefully it transforms the school into what it should be, which is a laboratory of creativity and learning." Volta

Mantua

Arts into the 'hood

Noreen Shanfelter, director of University City Arts League, said her group is working with the Powell School in Powelton Village with arts after-school programs weekly, and last year worked with the whole school on group projects.

Shanfelter, a longtime West Philadelphia resident, said her group started working to bring art out to the neighborhoods about three years ago.

"Art is a relationship building, art is a confidence builder," she said. "You see the joy in the face of a child when they create."

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Prostitution sting nets eight johns

City Wide Vice announced Monday that an undercover prostitution sting on Thursday and Friday led to the arrests of eight "johns" and confiscation of their vehicles.

Police in the 16th district, which covers the Mantua section of West Philly, and the 24th District, in the Kensington and Port Richmond neighborhoods, employed undercover decoy operations to crack down on customers of prostitutes.

Seven of the johns arrested came from across the city, and one hailed from Bucks County.

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By the numbers

$3.2K

Police confiscated $3,210 and six vehicles, including a 2013 Audi A4, in the sting.

National Park Service turns 98

Bennett Johnston, 10, and his mother, Beverly, from Arlington, Virginia, look at an interactive exhibit at the Benjamin Franklin Museum on Monday, which offered free admission all day in honor of the 98th birthday of the National Park Service. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

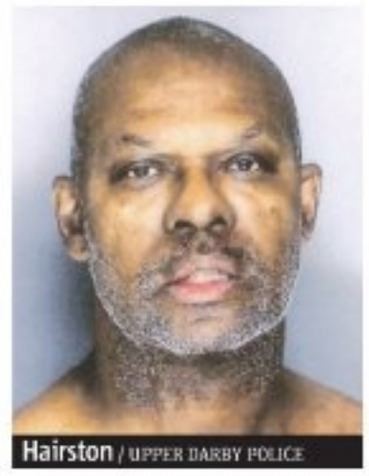
Upper Darby. 'Uncle Drunk' let nephew, 8, steer car, police said

Upper Darby police nicknamed the man who let his 8-year-old nephew steer his 2008 Chevrolet Impala down a busy road on a rainy afternoon as "Uncle Drunk."

Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood said Monday that Clarence Hairston, 58, was caught around 3 p.m. Saturday letting his nephew steer his car while the boy sat on his lap. In Hairston's hand, Chitwood said, was a 24-ounce can of beer, and another empty can rested on the passenger seat.

The boy's 9-year-old brother was unsecured and jumping around in the back seat.

"The guy's a moron," Chitwood said. "He put the two kids in harm's way and in a highly residential area … and it's 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It's not like it's 4 o'clock in the morning."



Hairston / UPPER DARBY POLICE

Police found the man's car blocking traffic at the intersection of Gilford and Copley roads and watched the car drive 10 feet, stop and repeat before eventually making a right-hand turn.

Police pulled the car over in front of Hairston's house, and "He's so drunk he can't get out of the car; the officers had to help him out," Chitwood said. "He can't stand up, he can't talk, he can't walk." TOMMY ROWAN

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Teen remembered with appeals for peace and justice

Funeral. The service was a markedly different scene from the violent protests that have rocked suburban Ferguson.

Thousands attended the funeral of Michael Brown. / GETTY IMAGES

Thousands on Monday celebrated the life of Michael Brown with a music-filled, foot-stomping funeral service and messages to remember him not with violence but with peace.

Brown's body lay at the Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church in a black and gold casket, topped with the St. Louis Cardinals baseball cap he was wearing when he was killed on Aug. 9.

In his eulogy, Al Sharpton called for a fair and impartial investigation into the shooting and end to police brutality.

"Michael Brown does not want to be remembered for riots," he said. "He wants to be remembered as the one that made America deal with how we're going to police in the [U.S.]" REUTERS

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"I always told you I would never let nothing happen to you and that's what hurts so much, that I couldn't protect you."

Michael Brown Sr. in a letter printed in a program for the service

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Pentagon. Experimental US hypersonic weapon explodes during test

A new hypersonic weapon developed by the U.S. military exploded shortly after lift-off from an Alaska test facility during a long-awaited flight test early Monday, the Pentagon said.

No one was injured in the incident, which occurred shortly after 4 a.m. at the Kodiak Launch Complex in Alaska, said Maureen Schumann, spokeswoman for the U.S. Defense Department.

The weapon was developed by Sandia National Laboratory and the U.S. Army as part of the military's "Conventional Prompt Global Strike" technology development program. It's seeking to build a weapon that can destroy targets anywhere on Earth within an hour of getting data and permission to launch.

Schumann said officials from the program, the U.S. Army, Navy and Missile Defense Agency were conducting an extensive investigation to determine the cause of the accident. REUTERS

Quoted

"The weapon exploded during takeoff and fell back down the range complex."
Schumann

PlayStation network back online, information is safe

Sony has invested heavily in securing the network, which it hopes can serve as a centerpiece of its plans to rebuild its business after years of losses in its flagship electronics operations. / GETTY IMAGES

Federal investigation. The attack coincided with a bomb scare on a flight carrying a Sony executive.

Sony Corp.'s PlayStation Network is back online following a cyberattack that took it down over the weekend, which coincided with a bomb scare on a U.S. commercial flight carrying a top Sony executive.

Sony said on its PlayStation blog that the network had been taken down by a denial-of-service-style attack, which overwhelmed the system with traffic but did not intrude into the network or access information of its users.

Meanwhile, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it was investigating the bomb threat that caused an American Airlines flight to be diverted.

A Twitter account with the handle @LizardSquad claimed responsibility for the attack and said it was meant to pressure Sony to invest more in the network.

"Sony, yet another large company, but they aren't spending the waves of cash they obtain on their customers' [PlayStation Network] service. End the greed," one post said.

Lizard Squad said it had also targeted servers of World of Warcraft video game maker Blizzard Entertainment, whose website was down. It threatened to attack Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox Live network, which some users said they had problems accessing on Sunday. REUTERS

Users

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College 101: Roommate basics

Cohabitation. Establishing ground rules will go a long way.

Freshman year is full of major adjustments for most students, and one of the biggest ones is sharing a dorm room with a virtual stranger for an entire school year.

While it may seem like everyone becomes best friends with their roommates, the reality is much more complicated than that. We reached out to three 20-something authors for their advice for incoming freshmen.

Respect each other's time and space

Priya Krishna is a recent Dartmouth College grad and the author of the book "Ultimate Dining Hall Hacks: Create Extraordinary Dishes from the Ordinary Ingredients in Your College Meal Plan." She encourages all roommates to do the following:

1. Invest in earplugs — you never know if your roommate snores until they snore.
2. Outline clear rules as they pertain to sharing food/clothes.
3. Establish a schedule for lights out/turning off music at night.
4. Don't be messy — unless you both want to be, in which case, good luck.
5. Let your roommate know when you want to have people over, and make sure it's OK with them.

Everyone has their quirks

Never gossip about your roommate, even if you aren't getting along. Mary Traina (whose book "The 20 Something Guide to Getting it Together" is now on shelves) says roommates should respect each other's differences.

Good headphones are a must when you are trying to study. / PHOTODISC

1 "You may immediately love your roommate, which will make cohabiting easy," Traina says. "But there is a chance you just won't have that much in common, and that is totally fine. Not immediately becoming joined at the hip with your roommate can have some advantages as the semester goes on. You'll have the freedom to do your own thing — study, socialize, watch TV, etc. — without having to take their schedule into account."

2 "Don't talk about your roommate behind his or her back, even if he or she insists on wallpapering their side of the room with Avril Lavigne posters. No matter how ridiculous, always say you have no comment on your roommate's quirks and instead focus on his or her good qualities. You have to have your roommate's back. Whether you like it or not, you share a bond — that you sleep 5 feet from each other every night," Traina says.

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Reminder

This is all part of the college experience

"Learning to live with somebody who is basically a complete stranger inevitably teaches you so much about yourself," writes Julie Zeilinger in her book "College 101: A Girl's Guide to Freshman Year." "You learn your limits and the boundaries of your patience, sure, but also self-awareness and the ability to compromise (ideally). At the very least, you get a few interesting stories out of it."

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Even Emmy nominees who lose are still going to win big, at least when it comes to free swag. This year's gift bags are worth $50,000, according to CNNMoney. It's one of life's injustices that the rich and famous get gifted with exotic vacations, expensive handbags and other luxury goods, but it's still fun to take a peek inside their goody bags.

Celebrities get more vacation time than the average person, so they'll be able to put a $10,000 trip to Bali to good use. The five-night stay in this exotic locale is complete with luxe accommodations and delicious meals. And because one beach getaway just isn't enough, the swag bag also includes a $2,000 vacation to Cancun and a $4,000 trip to Aspen, Colorado.

An exotic vacation to Bali is just one of three luxury vacations Emmy nominees get in their gift bag. / COLOURBOX

There's a lot of pressure for Hollywood's A-listers to look their best, so the $700 gym membership to David Barton Gym is sure to come in handy, which gives each Emmy guest six months free. And because getting a good night's sleep is also part of looking and feeling your best, they'll benefit from the $3,000 queen-size mattress from Maxim Mattress.

Plenty of beauty products are included as well, by such brands as SpaRitual, MicaBeauty, Radical Skincare and Pave Pedicure, according to PR Newswire. This is just a sampling of the many, many products each celebrity will score.

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3 Companies revolutionizing the world

There are millions of companies in the world, but few are truly revolutionary and disruptive. It's good to know about these fast-growing firms to learn from what they're doing and what the world loves right now.

Facebook

More than a billion people use the world's most popular social networking website. Despite its popularity, Facebook has only just begun monetizing and building out its premium apps. Over the next few years, the company will release an incredible number of tools and changes in functionality that will continue impacting the majority of the Internet-connected world. Although some may call the company silly, there's no denying Facebook's cultural significance and impact.

Facebook teaches other companies and investors that popularity and keeping your users happy and engaged means everything, even if that means sacrificing short-term revenues and profits. It also risked a lot by focusing on mobile growth — now that strategy is paying off big time.

Facebook / GETTY IMAGES

Uber

The mobile app with its own fleet of upscale taxicabs has launched in over 70 cities and made life infinitely easier for business travelers and all those looking for a faster and more efficient way to hail a ride and pay via credit card. Some cities have tried to fight Uber's entry, but the startup has flourished despite resistance.

Uber teaches us that a simple solution to an everyday problem can quickly become worth billions of dollars, as Uber was recently valued at $18 billion. Despite its many critics, Uber's future is even more exciting given that it saves and analyzes all of its ride-sharing data and has begun venturing into the delivery business, putting it directly in competition with UPS and Amazon.

Uber / GETTY IMAGES

Up: *The Ice Bucket Challenge has gone viral and raised tens of millions of dollars for a good cause. The end justifies the means.*

Down: *President Obama condemned the beheading of journalist James Foley and then played golf right afterward — very insensitive, Mr. President.*

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Tesla Motors

Tesla has single-handedly popularized electric vehicles — its cars are top-rated by the automotive press, and the company has brought its prices down enough to make them more accessible.

After five years of losses, Tesla recently became profitable. Even more exciting is its upcoming "gigafactory," a multibillion-dollar investment in the creation of cheaper battery packs for its vehicles.

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2 CULTURE

THE WORD

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1 More on pre-VMAs shooting

So what was behind the nightclub shooting this weekend that put six bullets into Suge Knight's body and put a serious damper on some pre-VMAs festivities? As one source who's a big fan of understatement puts it, things went south "when a group of men tried to murder Chris Brown." Hate when that happens. According to MediaTakeOut.com, the impetus for the shooting was that "Chris used to run with a bunch of gang bangers who were really scary. When he got out [of rehab], he cut them all off. ... I guess they're upset about that." So the moral is to not unfriend people?

CHRIS BROWN

Maybe all artists need to go through a "blue period."

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2 Not quite forever in blue jeans

Some things never change, like Britney Spears' ridiculous fashion sense. What seemed like a terrible idea 13 years ago — matching all-denim ensembles — is still a terrible idea, as Katy Perry proved at the VMAs, teaming up with rapper Riff Raff to don a dress and suit made from poor, mistreated blue jeans in homage to Spears and then-boyfriend Justin Timberlake's red carpet look from the American Music Awards in 2001. So what did Spears think of the tribute? She was way into it. "Just when I thought the denim dress had retired...you bring it back! You looked amazing," Spears tweeted at Perry. But wait, wasn't it supposed to be funny? Was this really a serious thing?

Taylor credits Dunham for inspiring feminism

It's a regular old gal-pal love-fest between Taylor Swift and "Girls" creator Lena Dunham, who just can't say enough nice things about each other. Swift insists that her evolving views on feminism are all thanks to her friendship with Dunham. "As a teenager, I didn't understand that saying you're a feminist is just saying that you hope women and men will have equal rights and equal opportunities. What it seemed to me, the way it was phrased in culture, society, was that you hate men," Swift tells the Guardian. "Becoming friends with Lena — without her preaching to me, but just seeing why she believes what she believes, why she says what she says, why she stands for what she stands for — has made me realize that I've been taking a feminist stance without actually saying so."

TAYLOR SWIFT

Now that's good TV

The ladies went bold on the Emmys red carpet this year. RACHEL VIGODA

1 Lena Dunham

Never one to blend in, Lena Dunham somehow managed to channel Big Bird, a flamingo and maybe even a little Gwen Stefani on the red carpet.

2 Kelly Osbourne

Kelly Osbourne made a gray-purple mohawk pretty and feminine in this embroidered lace and tulle gown by Honor.

3 Kerry Washington

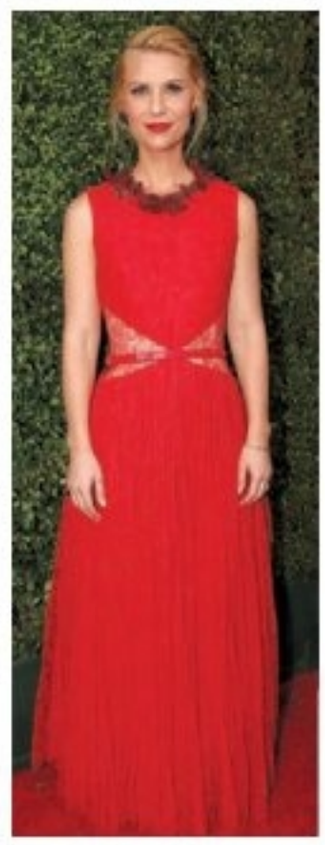
The always-gorgeous Kerry Washington shied away from being "Scandal"-ous with navy fabric covering what could have been an extremely high slit in her bright, blocky orange gown.

4 Julia Louis-Dreyfus

Julia Louis-Dreyfus nailed it in a pink halter dress, knocking actresses half her age out of the competition.

5 Hayden Panettiere

Hayden Panettiere showed off the right way to combine glamour and a baby bump. We were just relieved there was strong tape holding it all up.



6 Claire Danes

Claire Danes went for a twist on the cut-out trend with lace overlay on her gauzy red-hot dress. Up close, the neckline was whimsical, with beaded butterflies and dragonflies.

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Myths about feminism 3

Few people can spark a heated debate quite like Roxane Gay. Can you like Robin Thicke and still be a feminist? Can you hate "Girls" and be one? Gay's 100,000 Tumblr followers and 24,800 Twitter followers are eager to hear her thoughts whenever there's a big moment in pop culture and what it means on a deeper level, if it means anything at all. We talk to Gay about setting some things straight.

Quoted

"I struggle with women who say they are not feminists and don't need feminism. I think they don't realize what feminism has made possible in their lives. But we all get to choose how we identify ourselves. I'm going to fight for them anyway." Gay

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Roxane Gay just released her book, "Bad Feminist," a collection of essays about feminism and pop culture. / JAY GRABIEC

Myth 1:

Feminists can't listen to rap or watch 'The Bachelor'

One of the reasons Gay decided to write her book is to tell women to give themselves a break. "It's important to have high standards, but it's also important to recognize our humanity and that sometimes we're not going to get it right," she says. "We can be feminists and we can be imperfect in our feminism. I think what matters is intention."

Myth 2:

There's nothing left for feminists to fight for

Gay says one of the reasons she thinks many young women are hesitant to call themselves feminists is because they think we've reached a point where men and women are equal. "We're no longer thinking the struggle is real because we're no longer fighting for literacy or the right to vote," she explains. "The fights are different but equally important."

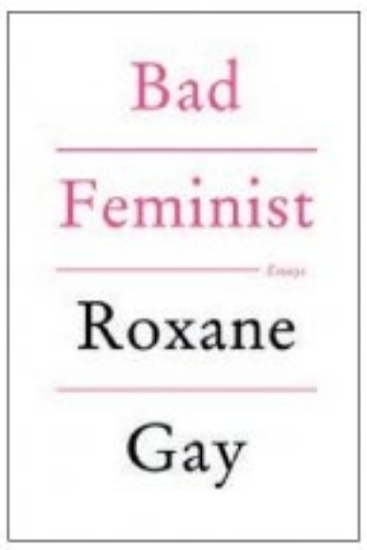
Myth 3:

Feminists are automatic role models

Gay may have a big following, but she insists that she is not a role model, because everyone is human and bound to mess up. Instead, she urges people to keep feminism simple. Believing that men and women are equals and should be treated as such but also spending Saturday night grinding with guys to degrading music is imperfect feminism, and that's perfectly OK.

Q&A. More with Roxane Gay

It's interesting that we're still at a point where feminism has to be defined every time it's talked about.
Yes. It's shocking that we are still trying to explain what feminism is and how it functions. It's also a shame that people are resistant to what feminism actually is and they are still holding on to really antiquated notions as to what feminism is.



Who are your favorite celebrity 'bad feminists'?
I really love Bette Midler. I think she does some really wonderful things, and she's very much invested in the quality of women. ... Michelle Obama is a great feminist. If I had to pick a favorite, it would be her because she's so clear on what she wants to do and why. She's very full of good intentions and follows through.

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Competition.
Dancing with the Bad Boys of Ballet on 'America's Got Talent'

Watch the Bad Boys of Ballet compete on "America's Got Talent" in a live show at 9 p.m. on NBC. / VIRGINIA SHERWOOD, NBC

On "America's Got Talent," fortunes can change in a moment. Contestants — who are everything from magicians to opera singers — can face harsh criticism from the show's team of celebrity judges.

No one knows that better than the Bad Boys of Ballet, a troupe of ballet dancers led by choreographer Adrienne Canterna. The group was eliminated from competition only to earn a last-minute reprieve from former Spice Girl Mel B. We talked to Canterna about getting to compete another day.

How did it feel to go from going home to getting to stay for another round?

It was such an emotional roller coaster, only because we were so high the night before, after our performance. Our spirits were so high, and we were pretty proud of what we did; we were confident going into the results. Then we were super bummed when we got cut, and then all of a sudden we were saved and ecstatic.

Has the show experience been positive overall?

It's such a huge [audience]. There comes that responsibility and that pressure and the nerves and the time restrictions, where you only get so much time to rehearse. Then you have to have this brand-new piece that has to be perfectly blocked for every camera. ... But I feel like, no matter what happens, I will be a better choreographer and dancer because of it.

LISA WEIDENFELD

Canterna, on what to expect Tuesday

"We're planning to give you guys a bit of a rock concert. I mean, I can't say what we're doing, but yeah, we hope that it feels like a 90-second rock concert with a crazy, crazy, crazy 'Bad Boys' feel."

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What do you think Mel B saw in you that made her bring you back?

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BEN COHEN, NBC

I know she's been a fan of ours from our first audition. She's been pulling for us from the beginning, and so I think she just wants to push us harder and that's why she gave us another chance. I think she wants to show everyone that we're versatile and we can do so much more. You only need one person to believe in you, and the fact that it's Mel B, that's pretty awesome.

Emmys stick with what works

Awards. "Modern Family" and "Big Bang Theory" go home big winners — again.

Meyers got in a few digs at network television. / GETTY IMAGES

Taking his first turn hosting television's big night, Seth Meyers started out the 66th Emmy Awards with a few gentle jabs at the television industry, pointing out that the Emmys airing on a Monday night in August was probably a good sign they were about to be canceled. Anyone familiar with his "Weekend Update" and "Late Night" persona knew what to expect: witty but not mean. He even willingly brought up the specter of Amy Poehler and Tina Fey, whose Golden Globes hosting has been widely praised, saying they responded to his text about help writing jokes with "New number. Who dis?"

Meyers also had some fun with the shifting cast on "Game of Thrones," pointing out that the actors had the worst job security in television: "You wait for next week's script the way normal people wait for biopsy results."

The night headed along a familiar path in the early going, with regular winners "Modern Family" and "Big Bang Theory" taking home trophies for directing, supporting actor in a comedy series and best actor in a comedy. Gail Mancuso, winning for the second time in a row for direction for "Modern Family," addressed her speech to Matthew McConaughey, who was seated in the front row.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Bryan Cranston presented together, having a little fun with the fact that Cranston once played a dentist on "Seinfeld" who converts to Judaism for the jokes. Louis-Dreyfus swore she didn't remember him, even though he pointed out that they kissed on the show. The joke payoff came just a few minutes later, when Louis-Dreyfus won best actress in a comedy series on "Veep" for the third year in a row, and paused on her way up to the stage to furiously make out with Cranston. When she got up to the stage, the first thing she said was "Yeah, he was on 'Seinfeld.'"

We're sad Poehler didn't win, but pleased that she apparently chose to be introduced for her presenter gig as Beyonce. Not a bad choice! And besides, she's got one more year to win, as "Parks and Recreation" wraps up its final season.

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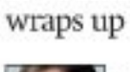

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Summer weekend getaways

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Water's Edge Resort and Spa

Water's Edge Resort and Spa (www.watersedgeresortandspa.com) in Westbrook, Connecticut, is true to its name: It's set right on the water, with a private beach. The newly refurbished Villas offer sensational views of the Long Island Sound. With an indoor pool and spa, you can enjoy the facilities in any weather.

Through Sept. 30 book seasonal specials at the spa, such as the Pina Colada Wrap, which comes with a complimentary cocktail. For dining, try the stately Restaurant at Water's Edge, Seaview Bistro and Martini Bar or the casual Sunset Bar and Grill.

Montauk Blue Hotel

If you head to Montauk in Easthampton, New York, for a few nights, you'll want to make all of your time count. That's why it's tempting to stay at one of the few hotels that offer rooms facing the water with decks leading straight out to the beach. This year, Montauk Blue Hotel (www.montaukbluehotel.com), a staple of the area for 30 years, debuted renovated rooms overlooking the water. Front desk staff can suggest several activities to do around town, such as the Mon Tiki catamaran cruise (www.sailingmontauk.com), a great family option, or a yoga session at Mindful Turtle Studios (www.mindfulturtle.com), which offers $5 off to guests of the hotel. Before your arrival, be sure to make a reservation for Navy Beach (www.navybeach.com), a bustling restaurant with outdoor seating and a riveting view of the sunset over the bay. Ask the front desk about hailing a taxi to take you there, because it's a bit outside the main stretch of town.

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New year, new shoes

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♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You will be on an emotional ride, so slow down. Stick to simple plans and keep your decision-making to a minimum.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Conflicts with authority figures should be avoided. You can promote your ideas with confidence, but don't force your opinion.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's time to introduce some passion and pizzazz into your personal life. Plan to spend an exhilarating evening with the person you enjoy being with most.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Someone is withholding information from you. Take precautions to prevent a broken promise from becoming costly.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Others will fall under your spell today. Take this opportunity to market your abilities and ideas. The support you gain will help you formulate your next move.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Residential improvements or renovations can result in an unexpected financial gain. Your satisfaction will improve.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Compromise will be the order of the day. Rather than invest time and energy in a battle of wills, agree to disagree.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your intuition will lead to a life-changing venture. Demonstrate your talents to as many interested parties as you can.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You might be surprised at the information you discover by observing what other people do or say. Studying the way people interact can give you insight.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't assume you know what is best for everyone. There will be clashes if you try to decree what others should do.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Consider everything you are currently doing, and pinpoint what's most important to you. Revisit an old goal.

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Letters

Churchill's war and Obama's not the same

Re: 'Learn from Churchill' (Metro, Aug. 21-24)
Where does one start with letter writer Arthur Horn's fatuous use of Winston Churchill's memory to denigrate President Obama? Churchill certainly "rallied" Britain (not just England, as my half-Welsh father who served in WWII with a Scottish unit would be quick to point out), but Britain was not "war-weary" in 1940, though we were very war averse. The war had just started.

Yes, we "stood all alone" against an imminent threat of invasion, but at least we were clear where it was coming from. And we quickly received help from Canada, Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, French soldiers who evacuated to England in 1940 and others — also from the U.S.: vital supplies initially, the RAF Eagle Squadron before Pearl Harbor and a full military alliance after.

The U.S. faces no such imminent single threat today. It does not stand alone against the current multiple terrorist threats; it has, and has had from the beginning, friends and allies around the world.

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24 "Mamma —!"
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32 Gavel-banger's cry
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60 Active sorts
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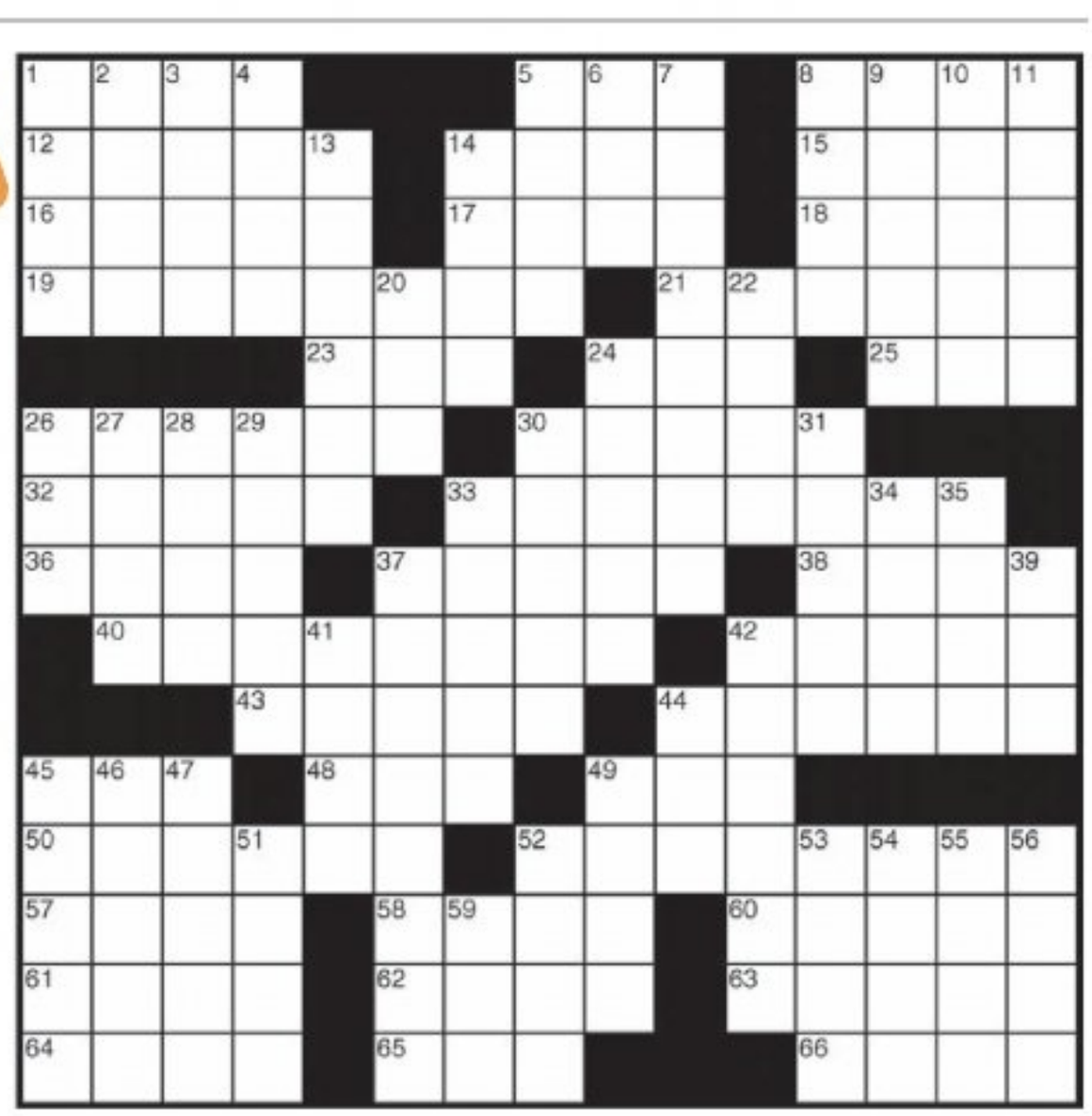

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NBA. Play-by-play announcer Marc Zumoff has seen it all in his 20 years with the Sixers, living his dream with the team he loves.

Zumoff can't wait to see defensive dynamo Nerlens Noel suit up in the regular season. / GETTY IMAGES

76ers voice sounds off

Marc Zumoff grew up in Northeast Philadelphia with a dream of becoming the play-by-play announcer for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Consider that dream realized.

It's been a storybook ride for Zumoff, who recently completed his 20th season in the coveted role of his youth. Zumoff's career will continue with the 2014-15 Sixers. He recently took some time to speak with us, both reflecting on his incredible journey and speculating on the future.

Can you believe it's been 20 years with the 76ers?
I always go back to my childhood as a kid growing up in Northeast Philadelphia. I've been following the Sixers and the NBA since 1963. I fell in love with it when I was 8 years old. I turned the sound down and became the voice of the Sixers. To think ahead to where I am now and what I'm doing professionally, it's really surreal. I'm a lucky, lucky man.

You recently covered a Philadelphia Union match for Comcast SportsNet. Can you talk about your love for soccer?
I really do love the game. It was a great learning experience to broadcast the Union match. I saw things up in the booth that I didn't notice down in the stands when I was just going to a game. It was a thrill to call the game. I had great support from the organization and I was like a sponge learning from the Union. They were wonderfully supportive and helped me in the four days leading up to the match. I couldn't have done it without them.

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Breaking down bad

Zumoff has high hopes for new rookies

After sitting out in 2013-14, what impact will Nerlens Noel make?
So far, you have to be fired up by how he reacted in the Summer Leagues. He played well and didn't seem to have any issues with his knee. It's all well and good and you want to protect him now so he's ready for the regular season when it all counts. Let him work out now and get ready and get the rest he needs before the season. He has tremendous skills and can be the type of rim-protector the Sixers need.

What did you think of the Sixers' choice to take Joel Embiid with the third pick in the Draft?
If you're the Sixers, it's a pick you're excited to make because you may not see another player like this. If healthy, Embiid will strengthen their defense. He's coming off an in injury and will need time to heal, but if you're the Sixers and their fans, you have to be excited about the potential of this kid. He's got all the tools to become a great player in this league. Everyone will have to be patient, and I'm sure the Sixers will do their due diligence to make sure Embiid is ready to come back at the right point.

What are your thoughts on Brett Brown in his second season as coach?
Brett has great energy and respect for the game and his players. He has a plan and he sticks with it. Watching him on a daily basis, he's terrific at communicating and working with players. If he has something to communicate, he'll do it in a constructive way. The players all respect him.

3 SPORTS

Injury prone?

Maclin assures media of health

Don't ask Eagles wide receiver Jeremy Maclin if he is injury prone. Despite several close calls during training camp and the preseason, the speedster insists to reporters he is not. "I missed last season off of a fluke injury," he said. "Prior to that, I think I missed four games, five games my whole career. So you tell me."

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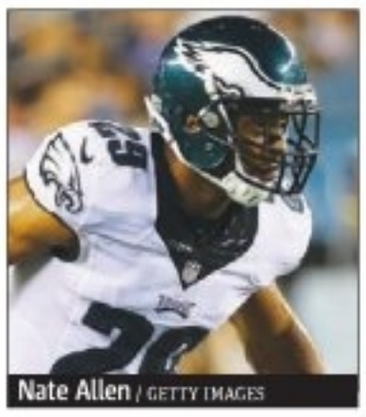
Eagles feeling confident at safety

NFL. Malcom Jenkins and Nate Allen highlight a safety position with depth for the Eagles.

Remember when Brian Dawkins anchored the Eagles' defense? It seems like decades ago.

In the years since the Birds parted ways with one of their best players of all time, they have gone through a lot of duds at the safety position.

With the offseason acquisition of Malcom Jenkins and the improvement of Nate Allen and Earl Wolff, the Eagles finally have some solid pieces at safety. So is Allen a shoe-in to start after his solid training camp?


Nate Allen / GETTY IMAGES

"I think Nate has the lead. But it's not over," Brian Davis, Eagles defensive coordinator said. "We'll continue to watch this preseason game and see how it goes. I hate, like I said, cutting the team right now or even saying who is in the lineup. The one thing about this roster is you make the 53 and you're active, you're going to play and we rotate, we rotate all of them. They're all playing. They all count."

Jenkins has helped Allen improve and has been a pivotal piece for the Eagles.

"I love the growth of the defense," Davis continued. "I love the understanding of the players and Malcolm [Jenkins is] a great addition in that area."

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MLB. Ben Revere one of most consistent, hottest hitters in MLB

Ben Revere has 14 three-hit games this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Remember when Ben Revere was mercilessly criticized for his bad throwing arm and constant mistakes on the base paths?

Remember when the speedy centerfielder was benched and moved down to seventh or eighth in the lineup?

Well don't look now, but Revere is currently second in the National League batting title, and has netted an incredible 78 base hits since June 26 (as of Monday afternoon).

"Hopefully I can finish strong," Revere said before Monday's game.

With his average up at .314 after eight hits in the last six games, Revere is in a dead heat with Justin Morneau (3.14) and has a comfortable lead ahead of Matt Adams (.305) and Andrew McCutchen (.305).

"If he can maintain this and continue it, he can certainly [win the batting title]," Ryne Sandberg said.

Surprisingly, the Phillies have two other players in the Top 10 in big stat races this season.

Ryan Howard, whose batting just .222, has a chance, though maybe not as good as Revere for the batting title, to lead the league in RBI.

After Monday, Howard has 80, behind only Giancarlo Stanton (94), Anthony Rizzo (89) and Justin Upton (86).

On the Hill, Cole Hamels has been putting on a show as well, climbing into the top five in NL ERA at a 2.53 clip.

He trails Adam Wainwright by a hundredth of a run in fourth place.

Hamels is a way off from taking the league ERA title however, with Clayton Kershaw miles ahead at 1.82, and Johnny Cueto scorching hot as well at 2.20. EVAN MACY

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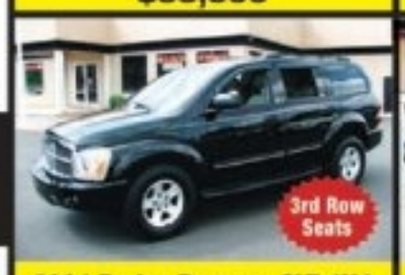

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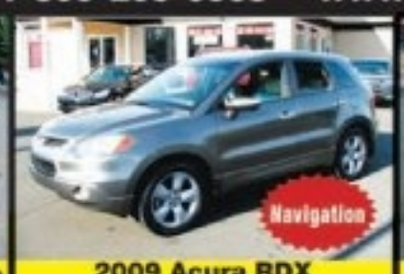

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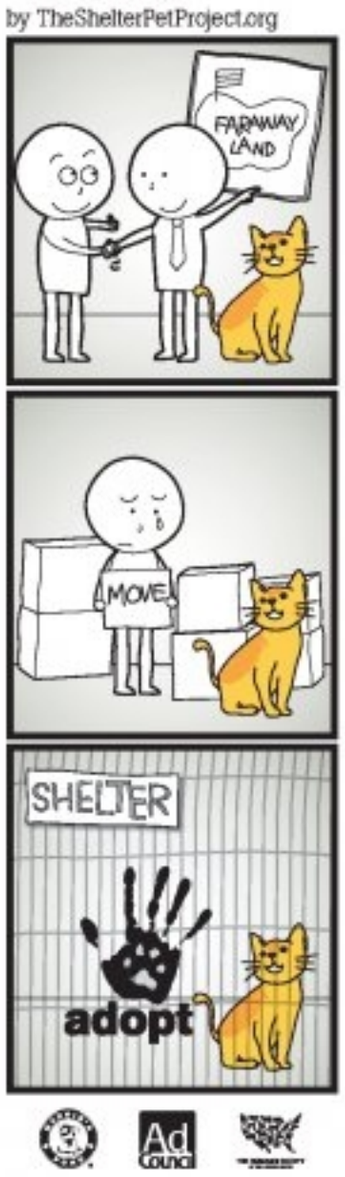

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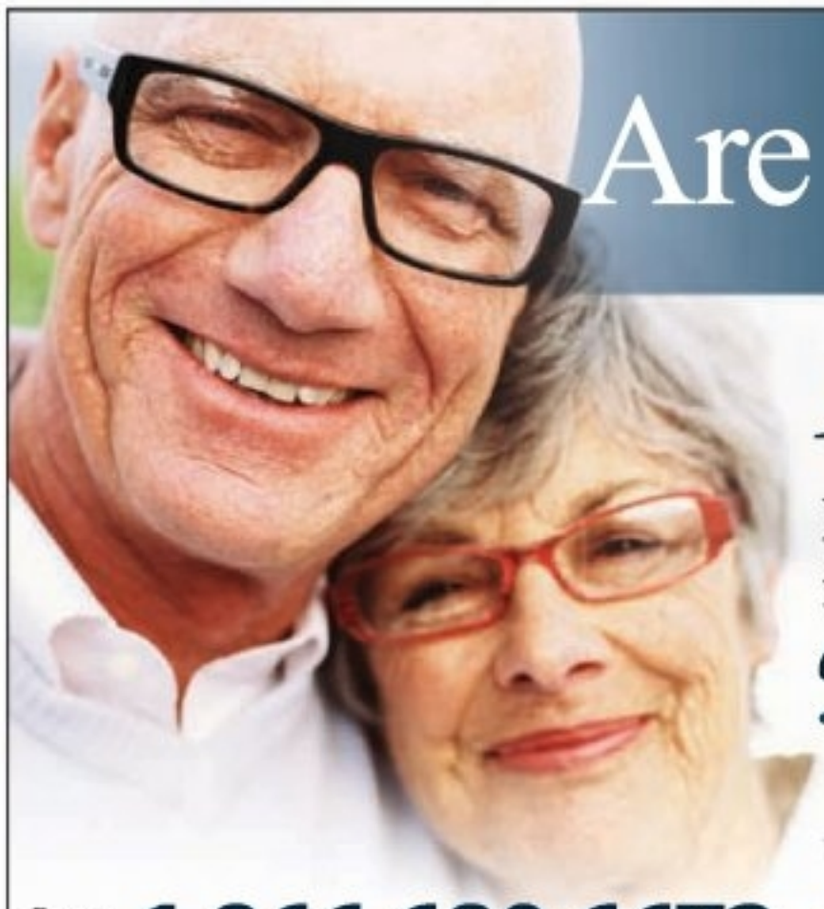

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